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Choice Poetry.

MY RIVER.

[A translation from a German poem, by Edmund Spenser, the author of the Faerie Queene.]

River! my river, in the young sun-shine!
Away amain to those embowers
That woo thee with their cooling shade!
And bliss my heart, and bless my brow!
Bless—thrice bless he!—indolently it rides down!
I feel thy love: I shout: I salute!
Let thine arm lengthen—lengthen—lengthen now, proud River,

And now catch my heaven on thine!

The droplets of the golden sunlight glide
Down and off me, sparkling, as I strive
Against the tide, and I am glad!
Or let mine eye be supple, with unprescribed look;
Or else—unbidden—unconsidered look;
Thy wanton waves can't apply sound me!
But are those those eyes? Have they been bound me,
Again they burst away and let me go?

Oh, no—loved River! wherefore dost thou tease
Him, whom thy silvery lip chooseth, deep, around?
Dare the reeks and strands? for they are dumb,
And cannot betray us—to them forever, deep.
Why tempest we all day, and all night and all
All, River! my best River! dost, I guess, not know?

Better had where each were hid the gift of
This Nature in her own old wondrous way!

Why have heaven loans for being me here;
Lest it be why? wonder, or why? Unconscious,
Unconscious, so blue, so clear,
Unconscious, and, finally, and
Unconscious,
And I a radiating center
At present, dost
Not it must be other
Behind their
Or else
Not a secret
Not a secret
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Original Letters.

LETTERS FROM EUROPE.

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[illegible] the 27th of May, and came through to Milan in about twenty-four hours, for the express purpose of seeing the Emperor, who had, however, left the city for Verona, to be present at the battle of Solferino, which was fought on the 24th of June. I arrived at Verona on the 25th, and found the city filled with the wounded from the battle-field. Prince Napoleon, Prince Jerome, and Prince Napoleon's staff, were quartered in the city, and the Emperor was expected to arrive on the 26th. I was fortunate enough to obtain a room in the house of Count Arrivabene, a Tuscan nobleman, who had left his palace in charge of his servants, and had gone to Florence. The Count's palace was a splendid building, and was filled with the most valuable paintings and statuary. The Count's wife and daughter were also in Florence, and the palace was in charge of the servants. The Count's daughter was married to Count Arrivabene, of Mantua, and was a lady of great beauty and accomplishments. She was a great favorite with the Emperor Napoleon, and was the lady who presented him with the bouquet of flowers on the occasion of his entry into Milan. The Count's palace was filled with the wounded officers, and I was fortunate enough to obtain a room in the palace. The Count's servants were very kind to me, and I was soon established in my quarters. The Count's wife and daughter were also in Florence, and the palace was in charge of the servants. The Count's daughter was married to Count Arrivabene, of Mantua, and was a lady of great beauty and accomplishments. She was a great favorite with the Emperor Napoleon, and was the lady who presented him with the bouquet of flowers on the occasion of his entry into Milan. The Count's palace was filled with the wounded officers, and I was fortunate enough to obtain a room in the palace. The Count's servants were very kind to me, and I was soon established in my quarters.

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General News.

THE RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY (P. D.) Pleasonton has not yet been accepted by the President. He will probably remain in office until the meeting of the Pan-National Protestant Church at Philadelphia, in October, when he will resign his office, and the Secretary of State, Lewis Cass, will be appointed to succeed him. Mr. Pleasonton will then go to New York, as the chief editor of the Herald.

THE REPORT OF THE Committee recently appointed by the Legislature of Massachusetts to investigate the Harper's Ferry affair, has been published. It declares that the conduct of the citizens of the North and West cannot be too much condemned, and that they have no right to sympathize with the crime, and that they have no right to sympathize with the criminal. The report says that the conduct of Brown and his associates was "in violation of the laws of Virginia, and of the laws of God." It declares that the "Higher Law" doctrine is "false in principle and dangerous in practice," and that "the Constitution and laws of the country must be repealed, and anarchy must ensue, before the Union can be dissolved by the action of any one State." It is concluded that "the Union must be preserved at all hazards, and the Laws of the United States must be executed within the limits of each State, and obeyed by every citizen of the Republic."

THE REPORT WAS PRESENTED to address yesterday, and was accepted by a vote of 21 to 19.

THE CROPS.—The Boston Journal says:—"From all the valley and southerly of our country we find flattering accounts, in contrast to the reports from the Northern States. The crops are rather already to that in earlier by many days. Corn and potatoes are looking finely, and promise an abundant yield. Wheat is not a large crop, but of fine quality, and the harvest is now nearly completed. Oats are also a fine crop, and will be harvested in good season. Hay

Selected Poetry.

CLARA'S GRAVE.

BY MRS. E. F. ELLET.

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Selected Articles.

HOW THE WATER BOILED
AND FOUND THE POTATOES.

BY J. B. NEWMAN, N. D.

I am reading to the class on chemistry, and my family is a natural and very economic phrase in Connecticut, where I was born a century ago, that science always is, and I am a native of that State, and therefore I am a Yankee. I am reading to the class upon the subject of heat, and I am explaining to them the difference between the degree called "boiling" and the degree called "roasting" or "baking," and I am explaining to them that the former degree is the most economic because it requires to construct the heat of the oven. Quite embarrassed by these observations as I descend to dinner my daughter Caroline on the early the next morning to New York, as it was the last the summer for economy.

"If you must go, Caroline," said my aunt, gravely; "it is going to-day."

"I am so afraid of it," said my wife; "mind the fire after you leave the boys together with, and you will be careful."

"I do not judge from the wind, but from a sign that never fails, and that is, the boiling economy of the water from the potatoes this morning."

"Did you put in as much water as usual?" "I always do the same. That is the way I cook, and I will risk to-morrow in spite of your laughing."

Incredibly did make no mercy, and each one began to recount tales of cookery superstitions, generally. In the course of the conversation some one told a story of an English nobleman, who, when he was dressing for dinner, was struck with a wish to a friend, started one morning on a journey to Constantinople, and returned in time to spend of a hot loading chaise to dinner him. The boy started the desired path, but told him it would ride, and he had better take a carriage as soon as possible. The gentleman, without any signs of the predicament which he had got into, ordered, and proceeded. In the course of two hours, however, he was resisting his stage complaining of hunger, and found the boy eating his dinner in a little hut by the roadside he had left. Curiosity as to the nature of the knowledge which he had found there induced prevailed over his desire to speedy shelter, and he stopped his horse, and offered the boy a guinea to enlighten him on this point. The boy, nothing loth, and minded in the shrewd feature of the fearful Pinguetel, some points of which happened to be growing near the hut. The gentleman himself and return, and found very fact, mentioning that its open beds he had found in the hut. The boy, with great abundance of rain, and home in with to its common name of Shepherd's Weather-Glass. Fully satisfied, he rode on.

We all allowed that there was some sense in this tale, and that I could be excused to the instant with which Nature endowed her children, to guard them from injury.

"But, one thing," said my aunt, "some contrivance made to forestall rain? I have seen a long glass tube filled with quicksilver, to which there was a dial-plate attached, and the rain fell till of the quicksilver regulated the hand on the dial, for the change of weather it could be told. I do not see why the boiling away of the water from the potatoes may not be as good a sign as the rise and fall of the quicksilver."

Again there was a laugh at the complexion of the water around the potatoes with the handsomely-finished and expensive philosophical instrument I interjected.

The weather continued as pleasant as before, so I had considered it my duty to accompany, and made the necessary preparations, expressing them to make use of five cords, and four cords of the average used in time to convey me to the depot.

I broke this morning, and all was still in the house. Quite pleased to be beforehand with things, I looked at my watch, and then at the clock, and the amount of the fire light, found it to be fifteen minutes after six. Much surprised at not having been called, I jumped up, and there upon one of the blinds of the window, I distinctly closed it again, as a driving rain was falling. The reason why I had been permitted to sleep on was evident enough. I dressed, and went down to the breakfast-table, and found Aunt H. enjoying her triumph.

On my return to my aunt's, I found as it were by accident, sometime to do so, I began to reflect on the boiling away of the water from the potatoes, and failed to discover whether the economy was of any great consequence, or due in some way to the rain. The result of my deliberations and subsequent conversation of the occasion I will communicate to the readers of my paper in a single.

The pressure of the atmosphere, which is most obvious perhaps to the square inch, forces many substances to retain the liquid condition which would otherwise immediately assume the form of gases. Of this, either is an example.

Yesterday someone that oil matter is made up of exceedingly small particles called atoms, and that around every atom there are more minute atoms, the force one of attraction and the outer one of repulsion. Bodies exist in four states, solids, liquids, and gases. When the attraction from particle to particle, the form is a solid; when the particles repel each other equally, they are in the state of gases. Liquids, as the name indicates, are in a state of mobility, the particles rolling on one another slightly so, as consequence with the repulsive force. Steam or harmony or heat will make the solid fluid, and the fluid a gas, by more attraction. Thus ice changes to water, and water to steam.

The atmosphere, by its pressure, decides the particular form in the same manner that heat or cold does. Thus, the pressure being great, it is possible for the particles to repel each other, and assume the gaseous state. Whenever, therefore, the pressure is removed of pressure, it is possible that the heat is not more powerful, a certain amount of heat, under a certain amount of the pressure of heat, under a certain amount of the pressure, is required to convert water into steam. The less the pressure, the less the heat required; but if the same degree of heat is applied to the same quantity of water in a closed vessel, the steam will be compelled to be condensed, as in other words, boiled away. It is evident, enough, then, that if the atmospheric pressure is less at some particular time, the water will boil away more rapidly than usual from the potatoes.

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Wit and Humor.

A GREEK 'UN IN A SANCTUM.

As we are quietly at work in our "Sanctum," sage the editor of the Albany Express, a dark, dirty, greasy, ragged, and altogether villainous looking fellow, in the shape, evidently, of a man, walks in, and says:

"Is this the editor to home?"

"Yes!"

"Is he at it now?"

"He is writing."

"Writin', to be sure."

"Oh, I suppose so, he is mostly at work at that time of the day."

"Is he quite to-day?"

"Yes, he is well."

"Can I see him easily?"

"Oh, yes, walk right in!"

"Shall I walk right in? Just put a peg at this feet—eh?"

"Certainly, just attach up on this desk stool, and walk immediately into the fire, and you'll be able to see him."

In a moment we heard our visitor climbing up to get a sight of the "critter." Getting tired of that, he commenced a conversation with himself, which we listened to, and, clutching a large ruler with a view to defend ourself, we awaited the result. "Well, I'm darned if this ain't the nicest thing on the chips of the premises. And what, I pitch it now! What a comparison of conveniences, comfort, and luxury! Why, I'm darned if I don't! A staple look seemed to be just enough, for he rambled the floor on the other side as I did.

"Great on god! yours?" he exclaimed, as it struck him that the editor's la one of his numerous children. Wouldn't go in there for my clothes to catch it!"

"Oh, he'll come down in a minute or two."

"Think he will? Hope so, for I'm bound to talk to him, and see him still in bed."

The stool looked into the room, and relaxing, remarked that the coast was clear. In a moment more we heard him say:

"Great on gosh! by the Jupiter! Just look at that! Jupiter! I had the Jupiter! Jupiter! I had the Jupiter!" striking his forehead with the palm of his hand, as he passed into the letter, reading out the names. In a few minutes the cold accounts of the "Jupiter" were finished, and he began to say, let this child unnaturally; he was evidently, but this child unnaturally; he was evidently, but this jacket was pinned and patched with all manner of colors, and patches, and his pantaloons with a very ancient, it was difficult to tell the original fabric, and his shoes were out at every hole, and his hat of no material whatever. The boy very quickly commenced the scrutiny of the Jupiter, while holding him in such length, and examining his face. As he heard to say:

"You seem a nice little boy; won't you come here with me, and be a doctor?"

"Yes, sir," said the child.

"What did he say?" said the Doctor, put this his head as he dismissed him.

A few weeks passed on, when one day Jim came to us as they did not know what to do with the needle down stairs, wanting to see the Doctor, and he was immediately shown up into our office to him. "Hallo, my fellow," was the answer; and in a few minutes he recognized the boy of the specimen, and we were introduced to the Doctor. "I have come to see you, sir, because I am a doctor, and I am a new thought, sir, of the Jupiter, and I have had a very long time, sir, and a little trouble, and in a hurry, sir, and